

**FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**

Mayor Naugle called the meeting to order at 9:25 P.M. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Present: Mayor Naugle
Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson
Commissioner Gloria F. Katz
Commissioner Carlton Moore
Commissioner Tim Smith

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

Proposed Budget – Fiscal Year 2001/2002

A motion was presented approving the proposed budget for the Central Beach Community Redevelopment Area for Fiscal Year 2001/2002, subject to the approval of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Commissioner Katz said her questions concerning this budget had been answered, but she wanted to consider a request for staff to come back with recommendations from the Beach Advisory Board within 30 to 60 days with respect to priorities and costs. In addition, the restrictions on tax increment financing (TIF) monies were usually defined in terms of the types of uses permitted.

Commissioner Smith was glad to see that a portion of the Redevelopment Manager's salary was being credited to the CRA because he worked on other projects as well. He referred to uncommitted funds and noted that information distributed last week discussed \$740,000 for the beach promenade optic light program. This week, however, the information discussed \$300,000 for the optic light program and \$440,000 for streetlights. Commissioner Smith recalled that the Commission had denied a request to replace those streetlights in the past because they did not think there was enough wrong with them to warrant the expense. He was concerned that this had been a "back-handed" method of getting that project approved after the Commission had already denied approval, and he did not appreciate it. Commissioner Smith thought the streetlights on the beach needed a new coat of "Rustoleum" paint, but he did not feel they should be replaced at great cost.

Mr. Chuck Adams, Community Redevelopment, had not been aware that the Commission had taken a position on the streetlights. He said that this had been presented to the Beach Redevelopment Board, and the streetlights had been one element of concern among others, including the optic lighting, the wave wall, and boat launching facilities. It had involved a much more comprehensive program, but no request had been made to finalize it. Rather, staff had responded to the Board's request to hear about any additional needs with a "wish list." Mr. Adams stated that later in the calendar year, a comprehensive program and some funding sources beyond TIF funds would be presented.

Mayor Naugle suggested that the City Manager bring that program back within 60 days with recommended priorities. He pointed out that the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA had a detailed spending plan and, while something that rigid might not be necessary, he felt some sort of a plan should be prepared rather than spending at a "whim." Commissioner Moore thought this plan should be just as rigid as the Northwest CRA budget and include a timeline. It was agreed.

Mr. Adams stated that a presentation could be made in 60 days, but one of the central features of this particular budget for a long-range plan was the master streetscape program that had been approved in July. When that project was completed, it was to have served as the "cornerstone feature" to help prioritize the other projects. He wanted to assure the Commission that staff was on track with five-year projections.

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the proposed budget for the Central Beach Community Redevelopment Area Fiscal Year 2001/2002, subject to approval of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale and presentation of a detailed plan within 60 days. Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Hutchinson, Katz, Smith, Moore, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: none.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 P.M.